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**Adopted: June 14, 1997**



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#### **SECTION 1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purposes of this Ordinance are to provide for the safe use of town-owned land and beach(es); to provide an orderly means for the maintenance and operation of the town beach(es); and assure the health, safety and general welfare.

#### **SECTION 2. AUTHORITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

- A. Authority: This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to and consistent with Article VIII A, Part Two Section One of the State of Maine Constitution and Title 30-A, M.R.S.A. Section 3001.
- B. Effective Date: The effective date of this Ordinance is March 6, 1993. Adoption of Amendment June 14, 1997 in reference to Section 4.0.

#### **SECTION 3. APPLICABILITY**

This Ordinance shall apply to the Stinchfield Beach; all town-owned property as defined on the Stinchfield Point Sketch Plan dated August 8, 1992; town-owned land adjacent to the Androscoggin River; and the land at Tri-Corner. This Ordinance shall not apply to the Tri-Corner Building.

#### **SECTION 4. RULES**

- A. No bottles, cans, or other trash shall be left. Users shall carry out what they carried in.
- B. There shall be no kindling or use of open fires except as herein provided:
  - 1. Wood fires for cooking purposes in fireplaces/fire rings provided by the town;
  - 2. Charcoal fires in metal charcoal braziers; and
  - 3. Self-contained camp stoves utilizing a connecting fuel supply.

- C. No persons shall cause any tree bush, or other vegetation, whether living or dead to be mutilated, cut, damaged, or severed. This provision shall not apply persons authorized to manage the property or authorized by the Board of Selectmen.
- D. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- E. The use of glass beverage containers is prohibited.
- F. All dogs shall be kept on a leash, and no dogs shall be permitted on the designated beach area or in the designated swimming areas.
- G. No watercraft shall be launched into the water or retrieved therefrom except at designated launching areas.
- H. No watercraft shall be moored or beached except while actually being launched into or retrieved from the water.
- I. There shall be no water skiing permitted from the beach.
- J. All motor vehicles and boat trailers shall be parked in designated areas for such.
- K. There shall be no body or hair washing except at any facilities provided for such.
- L. No person except a resident or landowner in the Town of Leeds, his/her immediate family, and accompanied guest will be allowed the use of Stinchfield Beach facilities.
- M. On all right-of-ways leading to the Town Beach and landing the maximum speed limit shall not exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- N. No tents and/or overnight camping is permitted except the Selectmen may designate sites for such and provide for a permit system to authorize the use of such sites.
- O. The beach, landing and parking areas shall be closed to public use from 9:00 p.m. of every evening (per 1997 Annual Town Meeting) until 6:00 a.m. of the following morning; provided that this shall not prevent watercraft from being launched and/or retrieved during the hours closed, nor the leaving of unoccupied vehicles in designated areas pending return of watercraft. The Selectmen may alter the period of closure after posting and holding a public hearing in accordance with Section 7.B.

## **SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT**

This Ordinance may be enforced by and duly appointed law enforcement officer, as well as other individuals are designated by the Board of Selectmen.

## **SECTION 6. PENALTY**

Any person found in violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be penalized in accordance with Title 30-A, M.R.S.A., Subsection 4452.

## **SECTION 7. AMENDMENTS**

- A. Initiation of Amendments. An amendment to this Ordinance may be initiated by:
  - 1. Request of municipal officers; or
  - 2. Written petition of at least 25 votes registered to vote in Leeds.
  
- B. The Selectmen shall hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment. Notification of the hearing shall be posted and advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing.
  
- C. Adoption of Amendment. An amendment to this Ordinance may be adopted by a majority vote of the Town Meeting.

## **SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

July 30, 1997